Mountain Weather Forecast

Yorkshire Dales National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 16 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 17 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 15 Dec 2020 at 12:16

Confidence: High for the run of unsettled weather with bands of rain interspersed with showers crossing from the west, however confidence lowering through the forecast in the timings and intensity of the worst of the conditions.

Headline for Wednesday 16 Dec 2020: Feeling cold in summit gales. Dull with periods of rain for much of Wednesday. Clearing to showers into the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 16 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	10%	80%	90%	90%	80%	60%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 16 Dec 2020

Weather: Dry at first overnight, cloud thickening from the south to bring rain before dawn. Overcast through the bulk of the day with periods of rain which turns heavy at times, particularly across southern facing routes. Rain clearing erratically from the west during the late afternoon and early evening, with outbreaks heaviest and most frequent across western ranges, bringing a small chance of hail and thunder.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: Through the bulk of the day 25% with bases quite extensive from 500-650m, becoming during the evening 35% in west and 60% in east as the showery flow spreads in.

Visibility: Mainly moderate or poor by day, becoming generally good from evening, but continuing to lower to a handful of kilometres in later showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	15/24 S	18/27 SE	25/36 SE	29/41 S	26/38 S	21/32 S	18/28 S	19/30 S	20/30 SW
300	8/19 SE	12/27 SE	16/35 SE	18/37 S	17/34 S	14/29 S	12/26 S	13/28 S	13/28 SW
Valley	9/21 SE	11/28 SE	16/35 SE	19/42 SE	17/38 S	13/30 S	11/26 S	11/26 S	11/26 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	3/-2	3/-3	4/-3	4/-2	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	3/-2	3/-3
300	4/1	5/1	6/2	7/2	7/3	7/3	6/2	5/2	5/1
Valley	5/2	6/3	8/4	8/4	8/4	8/5	7/4	7/4	6/3
Freezing Level*	1100m	1200m	1300m	1400m	1500m	1400m	1200m	1100m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Potentially dangerous conditions by day with extensive hill fog combining with driving rain and, across highest summits, gales which bring a significant wind chill.

Recent rainfall: measured at Malham: altitude 375m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Tue 15 Dec 2020	0.2mm	14.6mm	28mm

Forecast for Thursday 17 Dec 2020

Weather: Sunshine and showers by day with the bulk of the outbreaks mainly appearing through the morning. Cloud thickening and lowering from the west from late afternoon, with an area of rain extending across all during the evening, with further heavy outbreaks and extensive hill fog.

Maximum wind: South to southwest mean 25mph with gusts reaching 35-40mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 70% during the morning with bases lowering 450-600m as showers push through, becoming 90% for the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally good lowering moderate or poor in showers, then more generally in evening rain.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius during the afternoon
At 600m: Plus 3-5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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